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Subject: Status of Special Staff Actions.

1. Actions completed since 8 August.

- S/S 15 "North Korean Unification Propaganda" for the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff. Published 11 August as IM-316, 4 pp. (Secret)
- S/S 17 "Present Soviet Objectives in the Security Council." Published 14 August as Special Evaluation No. 41. (Secret)
- S/S 19 "Implications of a Military Advance in Korea beyond the 38th Parallel." Published as DM and Special Estimate on 16 August. (Secret)

2. Work in process.

- S/S 13 Estimate of relations between the USSR and the People's Republic of China. To what extent can Chinese action be regarded as part of Soviet policy?

Status: D/FE draft due 17 August, but indications are that this deadline will not be met.

- S/S 14 Estimate of world reaction, particularly NATO, to a decision by the US to initiate atomic war against the USSR as a result of continued Soviet indirect aggression: (a) with no prior consultation, (b) after prior consultation with NATO.

Status: Contributions by the Divisions are due, and expected, on 18 August.

- S/S 16 Analysis of various courses of action open to the USSR in Korea. (For the NSC Staff.)

Status: Third draft on this paper, prepared by [REDACTED], has now been referred to [REDACTED] for redrafting.

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S/S 18            Re-evaluation and analysis of evidence that the USSR is or is not preparing for major hostilities (offensive or defensive) in 1950.

                 Status: Conclusions by D/Ge due momentarily. Meanwhile, members of the Staff are individually studying the reports of the Task Teams.

S/S 20            The Project Planning Group is considering the following projects:

                 a. The contribution of the European economy to the USSR subsequent to a Soviet occupation of Europe.

                 b. Recent changes in the Soviet policy toward Germany.

S/S 21            Economic capability of the USSR to wage a general war.

                 Status: Awaiting A-2 estimate on Soviet av-gas requirements.

3. The personnel assigned to the above projects are indicated in Tab "A."

4. The Project Planning Group guide in major fields of study, as approved by the Staff at its 25th meeting, August 3, is attached for information, as Tab "B."

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